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1. Which meal service(s) offer alternate meals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Afterschool Snacks	
2. How long will alternate meals be provided?		
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3. Are students required to pay for alternate meals?		
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4. When are alternate meals offered?		
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5. How are alternate meals presented?		
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